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## A JUST WAR

Being Waged by the United States Says Rev. Dr. Sooy

A WAR FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE

IS JUSTIFIABLE, AND SUFFERING CUBA DEMANDS RELIEF FROM THE CRUEL SPANIARD - IT THEREFORE BEHOOVES CHRIS-TIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS COUNTRY'S SUCCESS - THE AD-MINISTRATION COMMENDED IN DR. SOOY'S SERMON - LAST NIGHT.

A patriotic sermon was delivered at Fourth Street M. E. church last night by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Sooy, D. D. His theme was: "The Present Crisis, and Our Evident Duty," and bore on the war question. In brief, Dr. Sooy argued that in certain cases was is justifiable, a fact true of the present crisis, and it was the duty of Christians to offer prayers for this nation's success. church choir sang appropriate selections, combining to make the services essentially patriotic.

In times like these, began Dr. Sooy, the public good demands that the pulpit be not silent. The press, by its carefully prepared editorials, helps to shape public opinion; and in like man-ner the pulpit should be heard. It is not argued that the pulpit should meddle in public policies, but only in a matter of moment such as now confronts the American people. Dr. Sooy said he had

in public policies, but only in a matter of moment such as now confronts the American people. Dr. Sooy's ald he had not expected to live to see unother war. He never expected to see unother war. He never expected to see occasion go so far as called for war, in this age of arbitration. But war had come, and he did not think it would be a war of a few days—It means months, at least. That war is justifiable, Dr. Sooy had no fear of asserting from the pulpit. In the imajority of instances, it may not have been, but there are times when it is. A sword is not a plaything, an emblem to be displayed in parades. It has its use when nations go to war, and properly so when the nation is a God-fearing one. The pending struggle between the United States and Spain is a struggle on the part of this nation on behalf of humanity. Spain doesn't recognize humanity and tramples it down: the United States does recognize it and seeks to uplift humanity, as represented by the Cuban people.

Dr. Sooy alluded to the indignation aroused in the hearts of the Christian world at the Armenian massacres, and the denunciations hurled against the Turk, yet while this was going on, a people living but a few hundred miles from the American coast was suffering oppression and various forms of cruelty. For some time the speaker had been an ardent believer in Cuba's freedom, and since he had come to understand the Cuban question fuller, it had been his constant prayer that every blow for struggling Cuba might strike home in the heart of Spain. Now, the United States steps over the breach to aid the island, and it was starting on a just, a righteous war.

It is God's war in the sense of being in perfect accordance with the moral of His divine administration. On the one side is a band of assassins, and avaricious, attempting to crush out every atom of civil and religious liberty, on the other hand is a band seeking to push back the assassins and lift up to breathe the pure air of freedom, a suffering people. This is a Christian nation; the nation's in of Christopher Columbus touched the new world this country has been bounded on all sides by God. Then came the Huguenots, William Penn, the Puritians, and other religious bodies. There was prayer at Yolke Forge. There was prayer at South Mountain, and at Gettysburg. "Oh," sald Dr. Sooy, "there is everything to show the nation's trust in God."

in God."
Further in his discourse, in urging the need of prayer for this country's success in war, Dr. Sooy gave illustrations of the prayers of people in Luther's time, and especially those of the English people at the threatened attack of the Spanish Armada. The English people prayed to their God, and the destroying angel came down. The "Invitable Armada" was cast about by the stroying angel came down. The "In-vincible Armada" was cast about by the

vincible Armada" was cast about by the winds and waves, and the sea-girt isle was saved from a power which intended to force it back to the religion it had been abjured. "Man proposes, but God disposes." God has heard the prayers of a Christian people, and in going to war the people have a right to pray to the King of Kings for success.

No country can afford to go into war, in the heat of passion, said Dr. Sooy, and he read an extract of Senator Hoar's speech, which counseled calmness, and a determination devoid of passion. There must be no hatred, no determination for revenge; though with reference to revenge, Dr. Sooy took into account the Maine disaster, and said he was glad that the chief executive.

reference to revenge. Dr. Sooy took into account the Maine disaster, and said he was glad that the chief executive, despite the tempting cry, "Remember the Maine," had not sought to stir up revengeful feelings or sought to make the war a war of revenge.

And it was a grand spectacle the country is presenting, continued Dr. Sooy. To see Fitzhugh Lee, a Confederate general, and the nephew of Grant, as brigadier generals in a war to help Cuba, arouses patriotism that thrills every human fibre. Dr. Sooy referred to John Wanamaker's offer. The ex-post-master general offered to pay the wages of his employes who volunteered. This was a patriotic offer, and though there is always a poodle to whine, a cur to snarl that Wanamaker was trying to boom his political aspirations, or his business inferests, there can't be too many Wanamakers. "To me," said he, "I can think of no better patriot. There is patriotism unlimited in this just war, and I wish that it would so get into our board of education that the principal of one of our schools could not order his pupils to take off the little strips of red, white and blue they wore."

wore."

In his conclusion he paid eloquent tribute to President McKinley, whose course has been commended by all Americans, without regard to political difference. Prayer was asked for the nation's executive, and for the success of the nation's forces.

WHAT A YOUNG MAN OWES To the Community-Rev. Mr. Oliphant

at Y. M. C. A. Yesterday.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C .A. yesterday afternoon was addressed by Rev. C. M. Oliphant, the new paster of the First Christian church. Mr. Oliphant urged young men to be useful and of profit in every respect to the com-

menty.

Rev. Mr. Oliphant spoke along the line of what a young man owed the community. In the scriptures it was said that the glory of a young man was his strength. Some might suppose physical strength was meant, and all knew that dyspepsia and Christianity didn't go well together. Some might suppose that mental strength was meant, but the speaker thought that spiritual strength

was meant; for after all the spiritual was lasting and not temporal.

One thing a young man doesn't owe the community is uncleanliness. Sin and uncleanliness get a strong hold on people, and seem to take up a permanent abode. A young man doesn't owe a life of intemperance to his community. Temperance, not necessarily relating to liquor dinking alone, should be practiced, but temperance in all things. A young man should live a clean life. His character must be right, then his reputation will be right. And it doesn't follow that a man who has lived an unclean life can leave a good record, for changes are not made so quickly.

A young man should be so constituted that around him should be something so dignified, so wholesome, that he will command the respect of the community. He should practice self-denial so as to minister to the spiritual advancement and growth and welfare of others about him. To do this he must have the spirit of his Master. A young man also owes to the community a life that is stable. Let come what will, his life should be so deep and firm that it will go on in its course despite buffeting waves of temptation.

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tation. Moral heroism is necessary. A hero that can speak out when necessary. Activity which will go out into all channels to accomplish its end. Along with activity is needed pattence. Then, too, a young man should be of good cheer, for there is a great power in being cheerful and confident. This spirit of cheerful-ness in young men will be so uplifting and encouraging to the community that it will be seen that the glory of a young man is in his strength.

### AFTER MANY YEARS.

an Intelligencer Publication Accomplished a Graceful Act.

A few days ago the Intelligencer stat ed that Colonel R. C. Gatch, of this city had in his possession a bible found on the battlefield at Hecker's Ford, Tuck er county, this state, in the late war and that he would be glad to return it to its owner or friends. The colonel received the following letter westerday HOLLADAY, Va., April 21. Col. R. C. Gatch, Wheeling.

Col. R. C. Gatch, Wheeling.

DEAR SIR:—I see that you have in your possession a bible picked up on the battle-field at Hecker's Ford, Tucker county, with John Crafton's name on it. I am his near-est living relative, his brother's wife, and would be more than glad to have the bible. It was very kind of you to wish his friends to have it, and I shall ever remember you kindly. Yours, with much respect, M. E. CRAFTON.

Needless to say, Colonel Gatch will find much pleasure in returning the vol-ume to the dead soldier's friends.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN Church Semi-Centennial Programme Has

Been Prepared. The committee on programme for the semi-centennial of the Second Presbyterian church has announced the following programme for the day, May 12:

MORNING PROGRAMM.

19:15 a. m.

Rev. R. R. Bigger, "Moderator of Washington Presby," Presiding.

Organ Voluntary.

Anthem—"I Will be Glad in the Lord"

Raymond MORNING PROGRAMME

Invocation. Raymond
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Gloria-Wilson.
Reading of Scriptures.
Festival Te Deum-Dudley Buck.
Prayer.
Hymn 109.
recting of Presby.
Rev. W. II. Lester, D. D., W. Alexander, Pa.
Rev. Laverty Greer, Elm Grove, W. Va.
Rev. Thos. W. Young, Prosperity, Pa.
pyrano Solo-"Holy, Holy, Holy". Weber
reeting from City.
Rev. Jacob Brittlingham, First Presbyterian church.
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Greetings from Abroad.

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Offertory-Duett, "Love Divine"....Smart

Collection.

Hymn 33.

Benedletion.

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2 to 5 p. m.
Reception in charge of Wm. H. Cooke CirQuartette — Choir
Yocal Solo-Selected. Mrs. M. Whitaker
Recitation-Selected. Mrs. Nora O'Brien
Vocal Solo-Selected. Mrs. F. Le M. Hupp
Bass Solo-Selected. Mrs. Chas Zullauf
Instrumental Solo. Miss Lulu Franzell
Yocal Solo-Selected. Miss Annie Meyers
EVENING PROGRAMME.
7:30 p. m.

7:30 p. m.
v. Jos. Speers, Pastor, Presiding,
Organ Yoluntary,
Jubiliate—Balmal,
Prayer—Rey, Chas, Austin,
Hymn 522,
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Hymn 304. ddress-Rev. James D. Moffat, President Washington and Jefferson College, and formerly pastor of this church.
Offertory—Bass Solo, "Lord God of Israel" Handel
Collection.
Hymn 425.
Doxology.
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HILL-On Sunday morning, April 24, 1888, at 2 o'clock THOMAS J., son of Mrs. Margaret A. and the late George Hill, aged 35 years. Funeral services at residence of his moth-

er. No. 67 Eleventh street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of fam-ily respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsular cemetery.

McKEE-On Sunday, April 24, 1988, at 9:45
o'clock a .p., SARAH VIRGINIA, Infant daughter of R. H. and Sarah E.
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